



WATER RESOURCES COORDINATING COUNCIL

Quarterly Meeting. The Water Resources Coordinating Council (WRCC) met on June 15, 2017, in Des Moines. Secretary of Agriculture Bill Northey called the meeting to order. The following was discussed.

Disaster Grant Update. Jeff Geerts, Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA), provided an update on the federal Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Disaster Resilience Grant for reducing flooding and advancing water quality. The total grant of \$96.8 million is being administered by the IEDA. The goal is to have each participating watershed management authority develop a hydrologic assessment and watershed plan, implement projects to reduce downstream flooding, and improve water quality during and after flood events. Currently, all of the watershed management authorities have hired coordinators and the project is on schedule. For additional information that includes the March 2017 financial update, refer to the [Disaster Resilience Grant](#) website.

Point Source Update. Adam Schnieders, Department of Natural Resources (DNR), provided an update on the number of permits issued to point source facilities. There are a total of 151 wastewater treatment facilities included in the [Iowa Nutrient Reduction Strategy](#), and there have been 106 permits issued. The DNR has also received 39 feasibility studies that it is currently evaluating.

Progress Report. Jim Gillespie, Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (DALs), stated that various State agencies are working on the Iowa Nutrient Reduction Strategy Progress Report for 2017. He also reported that funds are in the process of being distributed to land owners who have not tried conservation practices such as using cover crops. He also stated that there are currently 16 demonstration projects, 7 agriculture practices projects, and 34 urban projects being funded through the Water Quality Initiative.

Next Meeting. The next meeting will be held on September 26, 2017; however, the location has not been determined at this time.

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